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SUBJECT:ENERGY; RESPONSES US PROPOSALS FOR JOINT ACTION
TO DEAL ENERGY CRISIS
OECD FOR ENDERS
1.FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS, RECEIVED THROUGH LOCAL MISSION,
OF DANISH AND IRISH RESPONSES TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
LETTER OF NOVEMBER 14 WHICH CONTAINED US PROPOSALS FOR
JOINT ACTION TO DEAL WITH ENERGY CRISIS. RESPONSES
WERE OBVIOUSLY COORDINATED.

2. DANISH TEXT. QUOTE. YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN THE ABSENCE
OF MR. GULDBERG I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF
NOVEMBER 14, BY WHICH YOU INFORM ME OF THE FAR-REACHING
AND IMAGINATIVE PROPOSALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR JOINT
ACTION DESIGNED TO COPE WITH THE GRAVE PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE
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FOR OUR COUNTRIES AS A RESULT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS.

MY GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT THE CREATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY AND THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED CONSUMER COUNTRIES TO MEET THE CHALLENGE WITH WHICH WE ARE FACED.

CONTINUE QUOTE. WE AGREE THAT THE CREATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ON CONSERVATION, ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IS THE NEXT MAJOR TASK BEFORE US. AT THE SAME TIME WE SHOULD BEGIN TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR A DIALOGUE WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COUNTRIES WILL EVENTUALLY ENTER INTO SUCH TALKS ON THE BASIS OF COHERENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE POSITIONS. MY GOVERNMENT WILL BE READY TO CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY IN THESE FIELDS ALONG THE LINES YOU HAVE INDICATED.

WE ALSO AGREE THAT IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO PROVIDE FOR GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION TO RECYCLE OIL FUNDS, IF WE ARE TO AVOID SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE ECONOMIES OF OUR COUNTRIES. WE SHALL THEREFORE BE READY TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COMMON LOAN AND GUARANTEE FACILITY WHICH MEASURES UP TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT OUR ENERGY PROBLEMS AND OUR MONETARY DIFFICULTIES ARE SO CLOSELY INTERRELATED, WE FIND THAT COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, BUT WHICH DO NOT NORMALLY TAKE PART IN THE WORK OF THE GROUP OF TEN, SHOULD FOR THIS PARTICULAR TASK BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELABORATION OF A CONCRETE PROPOSAL. THE GROUP OF TEN WAS CREATED FOR QUITE A DIFFERENT PURPOSE, BUT I AM SURE THAT PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE ON AN AD HOC BASIS TO ASSOCIATE THE OTHER COUNTRIES WITH THE PREPARATORY WORK. IF WE DO NOT MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, WE MAY RUN INTO PROBLEMS AND FAIL TO ESTABLISH THE APPROPRIATE LINKS BETWEEN THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A NEW FACILITY WILL OPERATE AND THE COMMITMENTS, WHICH WE SHALL UNDERTAKE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY TO REDUCE

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OUR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL.

MY GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT AND OTHER CONSUMER COUNTRIES ON ALL THESE TASKS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. SINCERELY YOURS, SIGNED
POUL HARTLING. END QUOTE.

3. IRISH TEXT. QUOTE. DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE, THANK

YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 14 NOVEMBER, 1974, IN WHICH YOU PRESENT PROPOSALS BY THE UNITED STATES FOR INTENSIFIED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO DEAL WITH THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS.

CONTINUE QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AGREES THAT URGENT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE WORLD ENERGY MARKET. WITH THIS IN MIND, MY GOVERNMENT SIGNED THE AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMME AT PARIS ON 18 NOVEMBER AND THEREBY COMMITTED ITSELF TO THE OBLIGATIONS OF THAT AGREEMENT.

I AGREE WITH YOU ON THE NECESSITY FOR URGENT ACTION TO COPE WITH PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM THE MASSIVE FLOW OF FUNDS TO THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES WHICH THREATENS MAJOR DISRUPTION TO THE ECONOMIES OF OIL-IMPORTING COUNTRIES. BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND FINDING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND THESE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY PROBLEMS, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE AGENCY, NOT AT PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN, SHOULD PARTICIPATE FROM THE BEGINNING IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS TO DEVELOP YOUR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL COOPERATION LOOKING TO ENACTMENT WITHIN THE OECD FRAMEWORK.

THE TASKS BEFORE US, AS YOU POINT OUT, ARE INDEED FORMIDABLE. HOWEVER, GIVEN OUR COMMON WILL TO DEVELOP COOPERATIVE ACTION AMONG CONSUMERS AND BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, I AM CONFIDENT THAT JUST AND EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS CAN BE REACHED. YOURS SINCERELY, GARRET FITZGERALD. END QUOTE.

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4. DANISH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO ON NOVEMBER 21 TO DELIVER DANISH NOTE AND ASK US SUPPORT. IRISH AMBASSADOR MADE SIMILAR CALL ON DEP. ASST. SECRETARY KATZ NOV. 22. ASKED FOR US SUPPORT OF IRISH INCLUSION IN GP-10 WP, WHICH THEY SEE AS PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE SINCE THEY PICK UP EC PRESIDENCY IN JANUARY. BOTH AMBASSADORS WERE ASSURED THEIR CONCERNS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, AND GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. INGERSOLL

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